

# Art on the Grid AG Retreat '04 Ryerson University

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# Why Art on the Grid?





# Because we can





Beginnings: May 1, 2003

Creator: Jimmy Miklavcic, U Utah, CHPC

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Others involved:

ARSC, U Maryland, Ryerson, BU, NCSA, Penn. State, U New Mexico, EVL, National Research Council, Ottawa, Purdue





## Performances to Date

GridJam

Candle and Hands

Outside In (Parts 1&2)

Valerie Naranjo

Interplay: Hallucinations





#### Collaborative Telematic Art

"NEW"..."DIFFERENT" in "NEW SPACES"

a "NEW EXPERIENCE FOR AUDIENCES" for "NEW AUDIENCES"





#### SPACES and AUDIENCES

Most AG sites are designed for meetings.

How do we modify the space

for the performers,

for the audience?

How do we modify the video and audio resources to enhance the experience?









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# Outside In Taking the Nodes Outside



















Interplay: Hallucinations

April 23-25, 2004

Utah: Jimmy Miklavcic, Beth Miklavcic, Tony Larimer and Aaron Henry

Maryland: Nadja Masura, Brian Buck

ARSC: Scott Deal, Miho Aoki





Each site captured local performances, Utah then mixed each and sent them back onto the grid.





# Maryland

MAX/MSP & Jitter, an audio and video processing software system from Cycling 74

Computer imagery Interpretive dance





### **ARSC**

#### Scott Deal, Percussion

A battery of drums and percussion instruments

Emu E6400 Sampler, Roland JV 1080

Module, and TC Electronics Fireworks signal processor

Mackie 1204 VLZ audio mixer

#### Miho Aoki, real time animations

Emagic Logic Audio software

3D animation sometimes driven by audio from Scott





ATI Radeon 9600 graphic cards with built-in scan conversion.

Take any large vic window, convert to 640X480 NTSC.

Pass it through a prosumer video mixer.

Mixed signal was then connected to Osprey 230 capture cards and transmitted on the grid.

7 video capture cards

#### A live play!









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The Future ????

Experiment with DVTS, MIDI and motion capture data

Musical duets?

Anything goes





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Thank you

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